

**REMARKS**

In the Office action, claims 1-5, 7-12, 19-21, 28-31, and 55-57 were rejected as unpatentable over Sprenger et al. in view of Yamagishi et al., claims 52 and 53 were rejected as unpatentable over Sprenger et al. in view of Yamagishi et al. and Orcei, claims 14-18, 24 and 26 were allowed and claims 6, 13, 22-23, 27 and 54 were indicated as being allowable in independent form.

Claim 1 is amended to place allowed claim 6 in independent form. Claim 7 has been amended to place allowed claim 13 in independent form. Allowed claim 24 has been amended to correct antecedent basis.

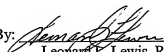
Applicants do not acquiesce in the rejections noted in the Office action, but have placed the pending claims in condition for allowance in order to expedite the application to issue. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the rejected claims or others in a continuing application.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in proper condition for allowance and a favorable notice of the same is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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